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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARLIAMENT.

MINERS COMMISSION.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
When the miners commission bill came up for second reading in the House of Commons, Mr. Richards moved for its rejection.

Mr. J. H. Thomas stated that the miners federation had received a mandate to order a general cessation of work on March 15 unless the demands were conceded, and no amount of talking could alter that fact.

Sir R. Thomas stated that the North Wales miners favoured the proposals of the Government.

Mr. Lloyd George declared that the question of hours and wages was one for inquiry, not for immediate decision. Nationalisation must be considered purely as a business proposition. No government had a right to commit the state to nationalisation without the fullest investigation, even to avert a strike. He appealed to the labour party not to destroy the great world position which the country had won simply because they could not wait a few days for a decision.

(Cheers). The government had simply indicated March 31 as the latest date, while the miners refused to submit the dispute to any arbitration. The government were informed that if the demands were granted, the cost of steel would be increased by ten per cent. and the price of coal would rise eight or ten shillings per ton. The coal trade itself would be seriously damaged.

The Premier drew attention to the large proportion of miners in south Wales who were opposed to the strike, showing that the south Wales coalfield realised how largely it depended upon its export trade. We exported 74,000,000 tons of coal in a normal year, excluding bunker coal. The Premier emphasised that the coal trade itself would be seriously damaged.

Referring to the miners' contention that these figures, even if accurate, did not answer their legitimate claim for improving the miners' status, he pointed out that the miners were not receiving a starvation wage. The ideal we were all seeking to obtain ought to be sought in such a way as not to precipitate disaster on other industries, which ought to have time to adjust themselves to such a demand. The Premier doubted whether economies in the mines could wipe out the increase in the cost of coal owing to the demands.

The proposed commission, of which Mr. Justice Sankey would be president, would enquire into all the questions raised by the miners, including the nationalisation of the coal industry; also concerning the effect of the demands on other industries. There would be the fullest publicity. The commission would be instructed to report on hours and wages by March 31. The miners had insisted on a reply by March 15, but he did not believe the miners, in view of the appointment of the commission, would throw the whole industries of the country into disaster for the sake of sixteen days. (Cheers) If the miners' meeting on Feb. 26, declined to participate in the commission, then mine-owners and miners only would be called as witnesses.

Mr. Richards' amendment was negatived by 257 to 43. The miners commission bill was read a second time, and the House adjourned.

"THE THUNDERER."

CHANGES IN "TIMES" OFFICE.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
Mr. Geoffrey Dawson has resigned the editorship of "The Times," and is succeeded by Mr. Henry Wickham Stead.

[Mr. Stead has been Foreign Editor of "The Times" since January 1914. Before that he was their correspondent at Vienna, Rome, and Berlin. He has written on Socialism as well as foreign politics.]

Mr. Dawson, the retiring editor, in a letter to Mr. John Walter, the chairman of the "Times" company, says he has been awaiting his arrival from Spain in order to tender his resignation, which he has been considering for some weeks ever since it became clear that Lord Northcliffe was constantly dissatisfied with the policy of "The Times." He could not wait longer, because it deferred his own expressions of opinion in other newspapers.

"BRITISH OVERSEAS BANK."

BIG BANK MERGER TO GET FOREIGN TRADE.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
The following banks, the Anglo-South American, Glyn Mills Currie and Co., the Northern Banking Company, the Union Bank of Scotland, and William Deacons Bank, are combining to furnish the capital for a new banking institution to be called the British Overseas Bank, of which the special object will be to facilitate and finance foreign trade.

ADMIRALTY CHANGE.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
The "Daily Telegraph" says it is understood that Admiral Wemyss will shortly be appointed Governor of Malta, and that Admiral Beatty will succeed him as First Sea Lord.

PEACE TERMS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
The "Daily Express" says the final military terms to be imposed on Germany include the fixing of the German army maximum at 300,000, whom not more than five per cent. may be officers. The army must be purely defensive. The General Staff must be disbanded. The quantity of arms and ammunition is to be definitely limited; the importation of war material is to be forbidden, and few places to be sanctioned by the Allies. The manufacture of poison gas is prohibited.

POLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
Warsaw reports that the Poles and the chief of the American food mission to Poland telephoned from Posen that the Germans were continuing an active bombardment all along the front.

GERMAN SITUATION.

A MURDER.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
The "Vorwaerts" learns from Munich that Herr Auer's assassin was a common [sic] butcher named Lindner, a member of the revolutionary workers' council. He openly boasts of the deed, and none think of arresting him. Apparently he entered the Diet by the deputies' entrance through the collusion of the guards. Herr Hagemeister, the president of the workers' council, after the shots were fired, shouted from the tribune, "that is the proletariat's revenge."

LIKE THE WORD "EMPIRE."

Berlin reports that the Minister of the Interior explaining in the National Assembly the draft constitution, said the document did not mention the German republic because the word and idea of empire had a deep-rooted sentimental value for the German people. The object of the constitution was to organise a German Germany free from Austrian or Prussian hegemony.

ARMED STRIKERS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
It is reported from Zurich that the strike at Munich has ended, but that every workman was to-day supplied with a rifle and twenty cartridges.

WELSH MINERS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
Mr. Brace, the President of the Welsh Miners' Federation, in a letter to the newspapers, urges the miners to accept the government's offer of a commission of inquiry. He says refusal would be an irretrievable blunder.

HOME COMING OF PRESIDENT WILSON.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
Boston reports that President Wilson landed and was accorded a great reception. A committee of women received Mrs. Wilson. Twenty suffragists demonstrating outside the State House were arrested and charged with obstruction.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PRESIDENT WILSON.

URGES U.S. TO CARRY ON.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
A message from Boston says that President Wilson, replying to his welcome home, said that while he was unwilling to anticipate the report of the Peace Conference, he could say the task of the conference was one of great complexity, by which every nation great or small must be affected. He had been struck by the moderation which the representatives of various nationalities had presented their national claims. They had always come first to the United States representatives because no nation in Europe suspected American motives. The United States had won the enviable distinction of being the friend to mankind. When soldiers were required anywhere, they asked for American soldiers; and it had been an infinite pleasure to see the gallant Americans who had convinced Europe that the United States had put all her means at the disposal of those fighting for the cause of human right and justice—not for national claims but for claims held in common by mankind. Europe had risen from despair to a full hope of settled peace, believing we are at the eve of a new age, when nations will support one another to see that right shall prevail. America was now the hope of the world, and if she did not justify that hope, the results would be unthinkable. The nations would be hostile camps again, and the men of the conference would go home again without hope, knowing they had failed. America would have to keep her great powers, but not for narrow, provincial, selfish purposes. "Do you realise how many new nations are going to set up in the presence of the old and powerful nations in Europe, and left there if left by us without a disinterested friend? Do you believe in the Polish cause as I do? Are you going to set up Poland, immature, inexperienced, as yet unorganised, and leave it to be pounced upon by the might there were not the guarantees of the world behind their liberty? Have you thought of the sufferings of Armenia? You poured out money to help and succour the Armenians after they had suffered. Now set up your strength so that they shall never suffer again. The arrangements of the present peace cannot stand a generation unless guaranteed by the forces of the civilised world." The President concluded that he had no doubt about the American verdict, and did not believe that progress was going to fall short of the goal. Peoples, not governments, were in the saddle, and they would see that if the present governments did not do their will, others should.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 26.
The Press Bureau issues a communique received from Paris saying that the representatives of the great Powers discussed the question of allotting to commissions the consideration of frontier questions affecting enemy states, and laid down the conditions under which the Belgian claims are to be considered.

The conference adopted the Supreme War Council's conclusions regarding the establishment of an intermediate zone in Transylvania between the Roumanian and Hungarian troops; and it also heard the Armenian claims.

FRENCH DEMANDS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
Another communique says the ministers of the great Powers approved measures to avoid the nonpayment of the Austro-Hungarian coupons due on March 1 in the absence of agreement among the former Austro-Hungarian states. The ministers examined the question of the transport to Poland of the Polish divisions formed in France and Italy. They also heard France's demands in the direction of the suppression of the Act of Algiers, and the imposition on Germany of the necessary guarantees to prevent her resuming in Morocco the hostile action she had taken against France in the last ten years.

REGARDING LABOUR IN THE DOMINIONS.

Another communique from Paris says the Labour Legislation Commission considered the position of the self-government dominions, protectorates, and colonies regarding international labour legislation.

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DEATHS.

Pilot, Focke, aged 59 years.

SITZEN.—At Tokio, on February 23, Jürgen Sitzen, Actg. Charge d'Affaires and Consul-General for Norway, 44 years of age.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, Feb. 23, 1918.

SWEARING.

A case in the Summary Court was adjourned yesterday in order that one of the parties might "substantiate" his statements by cutting off a cock's head. It is a long time since Thomas Chisholm Anstey, an Attorney-General here, devoted a good deal of knowledge, research, and energy to prevent further nonsense of that sort. To begin with, Mr. Anstey pointed out that, except for their small acquaintance with British courts, the Chinese knew nothing of judicial oaths. "Our pertinacity in forcing strange oaths upon Chinese," he wrote, "who, from time immemorial, have been famous for taking no oaths at all in courts of justice, had excited much ridicule amongst that laughter-loving people." It was in 1851, when a report on the Chinese Oath was made, that the Chief Justice, finding the "previous method of burning a slip of red or yellow paper did more harm than good, betought him of the ordeal of the cutting off of a cock's head. In yesterday's case the party was to be taken to a temple to perform this mumbo-jumbo. According to Norton-Kyabe, the local historian, it had to be done "under the canopy of heaven," with appropriate melodramatic, such as Lloyd George's wish in Wales, that if he prove false to his principles, may his tongue cleave to the roof of his mouth. It was an ordeal popular among Chinese gamblers, but not an oath as we understand it, nor such as would bind the ordinary Chinese to tell the truth. In connection with it, the witness

has to invoke his personal "deity." A false witness would be careful not to. As Mr. Anstey wrote, "Asiatics in general, and the Chinese in particular, take a singular pleasure in evading and over-reaching any law of ceremonial imposed upon them by foreigners." A simpler and probably more effective form was devised at Shanghai by a sinologue, who told the witness he must speak the truth, and if he did not there would be judgment from heaven upon him. This gentleman explained that the Chinese believe in Heaven and Earth as one supreme entity. They have no idea of anything like a personal deity, but this particular witness believed that if he did or said anything wrong, he would be punished in the course of nature by heaven and earth as one power. The right idea is not, as so many of our judges seem to think, to have some impressive piece of mumbo-jumbo ceremonial, regardless of the party's inward convictions; but to pledge something he holds sacred. Swearing with the hand on the "thigh," so common in the Old Testament, would not satisfy these saucer-breaking, cock-murdering cranks, yet it is perhaps still the most solemn oath that an Arab or an Egyptian can take. As the other worldly beliefs of the Chinese are distinctly vague, and do not seem to worry them unduly, a scale of fines (expressed in the dollars in which they do unadvisedly believe) might be read out to them, as liable to be imposed on unsatisfactory witnesses. It is obvious enough that there is nothing dearer than for a sceptical Chinese to bluff a magistrate by volunteering the ordeal of the decapitated fowl. It is as if an atheist were to say: Believe what I say, because I have kissed the book on it. At the same time, since Anstey denounced this method of swearing Chinese, it may be that it has acquired the force of a new superstition. One of our staff informs us that some of the modern Chinese believe that if they tell lies after cutting off the cock's head, they will have seven years of bad luck. For those who do believe so, the ceremony must indeed be a binding one.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is up a little, 3s. 17/16d.

Owing to the races football matches due to be played to-morrow are cancelled.

Today's return of communicable disease is six cases of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese and all fatal.

The Admiral Line are to-day removing their office to their permanent quarters on the fifth floor of the Hotel Mansions building.

The "Canton Times" says that the athletic meeting yesterday was a great success, as many as 4,274 athletes and students taking part.

H.E. The General Officer Commanding inspected the military invalids from Siberia on a hospital ship on February 24 and visited all the cot cases.

Mr. E. G. Anderson, wife of the Peruvian Consul in Hongkong is leaving in a few days for a six months holiday in the States. His official duties prevent Mr. Anderson from leaving the Colony.

Germans have been warned to assemble in Canton for repatriation early next month. The "Canton Times" says that missionaries will probably be permitted to remain. But they are the worst.

At St. John's Cathedral the Preacher at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning will be the Rev. F. C. Todd of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. Dr. Neville Bradley will preach in the evening service (6 o'clock).

To-night's tie in the second round for the Open Billiard Championship is between Tai Ming Tak and J. Parkes. In last night's game, Mr. W. R. Neighbour beat Mr. A. G. Pitt by 41 points. Both men played well, breaks of over 20 being frequent. The best break, which happens also to be the biggest in the tournament so far, was 58 by Mr. Neighbour.

Henry Ford, motor-car manufacturer, makes his debut as an editor when his new weekly, known as the "Dearborn Independent," Henry Ford's International Weekly, makes its first appearance. The paper is published at Dearborn, Ford's hometown near Detroit, carries no advertisements, and Ford says he will spend \$2,000,000 to make it a success. Mr.

There was some lively booking this morning at Moutrie's for "Finkle and the Fairies" to be produced on the evenings of March 22, 23, 24, 25 and Matinee March 25 and a successful financial result may be anticipated for the Gala Night in aid of the "Hongkong War Memorial Fund." We are requested to state that the curtain will rise on the matinee at 4.30 p.m. and on the evening performance at 9.15 p.m. Owing to the magnitude of the production and the many musical numbers (of which there are no less than 25) each performance must start sharp to time and the public are therefore requested to make every effort to be seated in good time, as much out of consideration for the young players as for those around them.

THE SIBERIAN AND C. E. RAILWAYS.

The following additional Memorandum in connection with the Siberian and Chinese-Eastern railways is published:

- 1.—Viscount Uchida will forward the amended plan to Viscount Ishii, the Japanese Ambassador at Washington, with instructions to present it to the State Department, explaining that it is submitted on the understanding that Mr. Stevens, the American expert, is named as President of the railways.
- 2.—The Inter-Allied Committee shall consist of one representative of China, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States; leaving the question of the Czechoslovaks to be discussed at a later date.
- 3.—Each of the above governments shall select one technical railway expert for membership of the Technical Board.
- 4.—The selection of Mr. Stevens as President shall not prevent his selection as a member of the Technical Board.
- 5.—Japan and the United States at once advise the above associated governments of the agreed plan, including the understanding with reference to the selection of Mr. Stevens and shall request their adherence and cordial co-operation.
- 6.—This plan shall be interpreted as a sincere effort temporarily to operate the Chinese-Eastern and Trans-Siberian railways in the interest of the Russian people with a view to their ultimate return to those possessing interests in them, without impairing their existing rights, and that, in entrusting to Mr. Stevens the technical operations of these lines, it is understood that Japan and the United States are both prepared to give him the authority and support necessary to make his efforts successful.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at 4 p.m. yesterday.

There were present: H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. CLAUDE SAVERN, C.M.G.).

H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General FRANCIS VENTRIS).

The Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER.

The Attorney-General, Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., O.B.E.

The Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. C. McI. MESSER, O.B.E.

The Director of Public Works, Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. VOLFE.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Mr. E. B. HALLIDAY, O.B.E.

Hon. Mr. D. LANDALE.

Hon. Mr. LAU CHU-PAN.

Hon. Mr. HO FOK.

Hon. Mr. R. G. SHEWAN.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on January 30, were confirmed.

It was then proposed by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, and agreed, that the Financial Minutes, Nos. 9 and 10, be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Finance Committee, No. 1, was laid on the table and passed.

The Jury List for 1918 was then laid on the table and it was proposed to deal with the same later in private.

The Hon. Mr. D. H. Holyoak then put the following questions, which were answered by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary as follows:—

QUESTION 1.

With reference to the following Resolution unanimously passed at a crowded Public Meeting in the Theatre Royal on the 7th November:—

"That the Government be asked to appoint a Commission to enquire into the Housing Problem and transit questions in connection with the same."

and submitted to the Government in a covering letter from the Constitutional Reform Association on the 8th November to which the Government replied on the 15th November that the Resolution quoted therein will be laid before His Excellency the Governor on his return to the Colony.

In view of the resignation of His Excellency Sir Henry May, will the Government state what measures they intend to take to give

ANSWER.

What is referred to in the question as the Housing Problem has several different aspects. Certain measures required immediate action, which has been taken after consultation with the Unofficial Members of this Council. Other measures are in preparation for the consideration of Honourable Members at an early date, and it is unlikely that a Commission will be necessary in order to carry them into effect; and the Praya East Reclamation Scheme will be proceeded with during this year. In view of their exceptional urgency and importance the matters in question are being pushed on as fast as possible but it is not proposed, in the absence of a Governor, to take any steps as regards the appointment of a Commission.

QUESTION 2.

With reference to the following telegram despatched by Reuters' Agent to Reuters' head office in London on the 8th November:—

"Large Public Meeting resolved unanimously that Germans deported from the Colony to Australia should at the conclusion of the War not be permitted to return to Hongkong or China but be repatriated to Germany. The Meeting re-affirmed the unaltered conviction that no German subject be allowed to reside in the Colony or trade here for a period of years."

on the 9th January:—

"At a Public Meeting it was unanimously resolved to telegraph the Secretary of State for the Colonies asking for reform in the Constitution of the Legislative Council to secure the increase from 6 to 9 of unofficial members thus giving a majority of the unofficial."

Will the Government state whether these telegrams were suppressed or not by the Cable Censor, under instruction from the Government, and if so why?

ANSWER.

The telegrams were not stopped or interfered with in any way.

QUESTION 3.

Will the Government state when the censorship of commercial, private and press telegrams is likely to cease?

ANSWER.

The matter is one for decision by the Imperial Authorities and the Government is unable to give the information desired.

QUESTION 4.

Will the Government take steps to urge the Admiralty to include Hongkong in the tour of the Grand Fleet which it has been announced will be sent to Australia, New Zealand, and India?

ANSWER.

The Admiralty have been urged to include Hongkong in the tour of the Grand Fleet which it has been announced will be sent to Australia, New Zealand, and India.

VANITY FAIR.

Edgar Warwick's clever company gave a repeat performance at the Theatre Royal last night. After the opening chorus which is always a welcome piece, George Titchener, Leslie Holmes and Sydney Manneering gave a little turn on their own. They exchanged quips and jests and much amused the audience. A topical reference to the removal of the germ by the Nore and Novara was loudly applauded. George Graystone came along with one of his characteristic numbers. He was so good that the audience demanded an encore. Leslie must have been half an hour turning out jokes. He did this in three parts. Two parts were encores and the audience would have had more only Leslie did not object to using up too much stock in one night. He had the ladies giggling last night. Eileen Boyd sang "Till we meet again" very sweetly, and as an encore treated the audience to "Annie Laurie." Two nice songs and treated with nice expression by the artist. A Toy Shop scene was original and charming. The light gradually came on representing the dawn. The artists gave entertaining songs with mechanical action, as befitting toys. Leslie Holmes tore it. He was the most grotesque toy that could be. When he sang "A broken doll" in a voice that was cracked, high-pitched, and generally absurd the house just roared. It was very funny. Madge Griffith was the Fairy Mother in this scene. She also sang an appropriate song with charm. Shirley Cooke was fine in a song of men's eyes and minds. This capable artist played her own accompaniments and had difficulty in retreating after giving two items. The audience wanted more.

Vera Palfie in a Spanish Dance and Dorothy May singing "Dream Baby" deserve particular mention. In fact the whole show was splendid. It would take more space than permitted to say what the artists did and how well they did it. There is a change of programme to-night and all ought to go. Then you will see for yourself what a capital show it is.

ANSWER.

An intimation has been received from the Admiralty to the effect that nothing has been arranged and there is little prospect of anything definite being settled for some time yet.

QUESTION 5.

Will the Government take steps to secure for Hongkong, as public War Souvenirs, some of the Guns taken from the Germans?

The matter has been referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who has replied that every endeavour will be made to allocate suitable War Trophies to Colonies as soon as any general distribution of Trophies is made.

QUESTION 6.

What was the date of the last Census and when does the Government propose to take the next one?

ANSWER.

The last census was taken in 1911 and the next one will be taken in 1921 in the ordinary course.

With reference to Question 3 the Hon. Mr. Holyoak said he would urge the Government to make representations to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, specially in connection with the censorship of private and press telegrams.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, in reply, said the Government had already done so but it could not promise any immediate amendments.

The first reading of the following Bills was proposed by the Hon. the Attorney-General, seconded by the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer:—

First reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to restrict temporarily the persons who may engage in business connected with certain non-ferrous metals and metallic ores.

First reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to prohibit the carrying on of banking business for the benefit of or under the control of certain persons.

First reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinances, 1845, to 1916.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak proposed, and the Hon. Mr. Pollock seconded, the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to authorise the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, to convert its silver capital into gold.

The meeting went into Committee to consider the Financial Minutes, Nos. 9 and 10.

No. 9.—The Council to vote a sum of Fifteen thousand Dollars (\$15,000) in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, (24) Miscellaneous Works.

This is a proviso, a sum having been provided last year. The Government is providing fourteen cents at an average cost of \$1,100 each.

No. 10.—The Council to vote a sum of Six hundred Dollars (\$600) in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Language Study Allowances.

This is to provide Chinese teachers for the Police and Sanitary Inspectors who before have had to provide their own.

Coming out of Committee the Council adjourned sine die.

DROWNED IN HARBOUR.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

In a recent issue of the "China Mail," a report was made of a collision which took place between a Sanitary Board launch and a sampan in which were three Americans, members of the crew of the motor-ship "Sierra." As a result of this collision, Otto van Santh, one of the Americans who was second officer of the "Sierra," was drowned, as also were two women, the wife and daughter of the master of the sampan. A loki of the sampan was also on the list of those drowned. Since the collision, the coxswain of the launch absconded and has not been heard of. To inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of the sampan master's wife, an inquest was held yesterday afternoon at the Magistracy at which Mr. J. R. Wood acted as Coroner and in this capacity he was assisted by the Harbour Master, Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N.

Three jurors were called. They were Messrs. G. A. Carvalho, J. M. Reis, and Y. Abbas.

The hearing opened with the evidence of Dr. J. T. Smalley, the surgeon in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary, to which the body of the deceased was conveyed on the day after the collision. The surgeon said he was present at the identification of the deceased's body by her husband. An examination showed that the cause of death was drowning.

The master of the sampan testified to the identification of the body of his wife, and also that of his elder daughter whose body was washed ashore some days afterwards. On the evening of February 2, at 7.30, three Americans came and hired his boat which was lying alongside the Pottinger Street wharf to take them to the "Sierra." The crew of his boat consisted of himself, his wife, a son and his two daughters. When they were 10 feet from the wharf, a launch came in their direction and crashed into the starboard side of the sampan, capsizing her and throwing the passengers and crew into the water. The launch was 100 feet away when she was first perceived by those aboard the sampan. The sampan showed only one light, and that was on its main mast. It was taken down, and held up by his younger daughter for the greater discernment of those aboard the launch.

Notwithstanding this and the warning on its course, and the collision followed. His wife and elder daughter was drowned, but he was rescued by the people on the launch.

A seaman of the launch said he was on board the launch which was towing three junks. One of these was released when Salt Fish Lane was reached. Two white lights were shown at the forepart of the launch. The coxswain was steering the launch, and when nearing the buoy off Pottinger Street wharf, the sampan was sighted but it was too late for a collision to be avoided.

Questioned by Mr. Wood as to the reason for his not seeing the sampan before, the seaman said his view was obstructed by a piece of cloth hanging on the front part of the launch. The coxswain first sighted the sampan, and immediately slowed down. It was too late: the launch rammed into the sampan which was capsized. The crew of the launch succeeded in rescuing five of the persons aboard the sampan.

Commander Beckwith: When you were coming up the southern fairway, at what speed were you going?

—Before the buoy was reached it was at full speed which was slowed down to half when rounding the buoy.

Continuing, the seaman said no look-out was kept either on the bow of the launch or on the bridge. For steering, the coxswain did not use a compass, he steered by the lights. When the danger of a collision was perceived he, acting on the orders of the coxswain, blew two blasts on the whistle. He maintained that he did not see any light on the sampan.

Inspector Gordon, stated that a junk should have a white light on the mast and one astern. Only one white light was sufficient if the sampan had no mast.

Mr. Wood, addressing the jury, said the Harbour Master had informed him that there was nothing in the evidence which pointed to negligent navigation on the part of the coxswain. The crew of the sampan were to blame for not having a proper light.

A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was returned by the jury.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

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BOXING IN THE FAR EAST.

HONGKONG TO HAVE A BOXING STADIUM.

Nine years ago Frank A. Churchill, President of the Olympic Athletic Club, Inc., and known in the United States, the Philippines, Australia, and on the China Coast, as "the father of boxing in the Far East," had a dream. The dream was that some day he would establish a circuit of boxing clubs in the Far East, and at the time the people to whom Churchill expressed his hopes and visions were inclined to be sceptical. People called him a "dreamer." That was the feeling in 1910, but Churchill refused to believe that his dream would not come true. There followed a period of ups and downs for the Olympic Club, but Churchill who is famed for his tenacity of purpose carried on and now it would seem that he has at last arrived on the threshold of his triumph.

On the night of February 22 there was opened in Manila the new Olympic Club Stadium. This has been erected by the Olympic Club, Inc., at an approximate cost of \$35,000. The building, which is the last word in athletic club construction, is modern in every way and one of the finest structures put up in Manila in recent years.

The building, which was planned and designed under the direction of Frank A. Churchill, president of the Olympic Club, Inc., has seating accommodation for 3,800 people. Particular attention was paid to the ventilation problem in its construction, with the result that while the building is well roofed and suitable for use in rainy weather, it is practically the same as an open air pavilion. The 18-foot ring which will be used for all bouts is at one end of the building, directly over which runs, on three sides, a good sized balcony.

The rest of the seats run back from the ringside for the entire length of the building, after the plan used in football or baseball bleachers. About 600 people can be taken care of at the ringside.

Balcony and ringside seats will all be numbered and it will be possible to make reservations for them. The seats themselves will be the most comfortable obtainable locally; made of good native wood and with cool cane bottoms.

Electric fans will keep the air as clear and clean as possible, while an indirect lighting system and the fact that there isn't a post in the building, will insure every member of the club a free and unobstructed view of the bouts no matter in what part of the house he may choose to sit.

Everything humanly possible will be done for the elevation of the boxing game in Manila. Under the rules of the new organization, none but the fairest of matches will be made or staged; only soft bandages will be permitted to go on to the hands of boxers while the kidney and other questionable punches to the back of the head, neck and body, will be strictly barred.

The new club is regarded as the best boxing pavilion west of Philadelphia and the management predicts that it will soon be able to place Manila on the map to the extent of making it the scene of the world's championship contests.

Such is the realization of Churchill's dream so far as Manila is concerned, and it is his intention to arrange for the erection of a similar Olympic Club Stadium here in Hongkong. In a week or two Churchill is going to Shanghai for the purpose of looking over the ground and selecting a proper site for the erection of an Olympic Club Stadium there. On his return from Shanghai he will stop here in Hongkong and make the same arrangements.

That such a place will be welcome in Hongkong goes without saying, but where is he going to find a site?

ROUGH CHARACTERS.

Mr. J. R. Wood had before him this morning a Chinese who was charged with being a rogue and vagabond. The Chinese it appears, was sitting at the doorway of 85 Bonham Strand, at midnight on the 25th instant, and when an Indian constable approached to question him, he signalled to two men inside the house, who hurried themselves at the constable. A struggle ensued and the men took to their heels with the constable in pursuit. The constable fired several warning shots at them. A Chinese constable who attempted to stop them, was knocked down, but this Chinese was intercepted by an Indian house watchman and caught. To enable the Chinese to produce his witnesses, a remand was ordered.

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COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

An extraordinary meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, was held at the Registered Office of the Company, at noon to-day for the purpose of confirming the resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on Feb. 8. The resolution was that the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz:—

"In Article 82, the word 'five' shall be substituted for the word 'four'."

The effect of this resolution will be to increase the maximum number of Directors from four to five.

Mr. F. Maitland presided and those present included Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Messrs. J. Scott Harston and A. O. Lang, (Directors) and of the shareholders, Messrs. A. S. Gubbay, C. S. Gubbay, W. Logan, A. E. Crampell, D. Somekh, E. M. Raymond, Fung Tat-Hang, L. Cheung-shui, M. Manek and J. H. Taggart, Secretary and Manager. The Secretary and Manager having read the notice convening the meeting, Mr. Maitland proposed and Mr. W. Logan seconded that the resolution be passed. This was carried unanimously and the meeting terminated.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, followed at the Registered Office of the Company at 12.15 p.m. to-day for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1918.

Mr. F. Maitland presided and those present included Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Messrs. J. Scott Harston and A. O. Lang, (Directors) and of the shareholders, Messrs. A. S. Gubbay, C. S. Gubbay, W. Logan, A. E. Crampell, D. Somekh, E. M. Raymond, Fung Tat-Hang, L. Cheung-shui, M. Manek and J. H. Taggart, Secretary and Manager.

The Chairman requested the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting and this being done he said:—
"Gentlemen:—The Report and Accounts together with the Auditors' Certificate have been in your hands for several days, and with your permission I shall adopt the usual procedure and take same as read."

The Profit on Working Account for the year under review amounted to \$185,275.42, as compared with \$180,890.75 for the corresponding period of 1917, being an increase of \$4,384.67.

The Profit and Loss Account including the sum of \$78,246.39 brought forward from 31st December, 1917, amounted to \$251,045.80, and after deducting the interim Dividend amounting to \$60,000, paid in September, 1918, the sum of \$191,045.80 remains, which the Directors recommend apportioning as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of \$3.00 per share on 20,000 shares.....	\$60,000.00
To write off Buildings.....	22,528.00
To write off Furniture and Fixtures.....	14,021.04
To write off Steam Launch.....	700.00
To transfer to General Reserve.....	50,000.00
To carry forward to New Account.....	43,798.26
Total.....	\$191,045.30

I would draw your attention to the fact that, in the Balance Sheet the Reserve Fund, amounting to \$648,975.78, has been split; \$648,975.78 being earmarked reserve fund against land and buildings, and \$100,000—as general reserve, in view of the fact that the former amount represents appreciation in value of land as at 1905, and the balance of \$100,000—voted out of the profits from time to time. Your Directors deem it advisable to make this slight alteration with a view to setting forth clearly the method by which these amounts were arrived at; thus considerably facilitating matters should occasion arise whereby additions to, or appropriations from, these funds become necessary in the future.

I also desire to point out that the increase in overdraft with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is due to the fact of our carrying large stocks of Wines, etc., which have been acquired at favourable prices from time to time, and these purchases have tended in a measure to stabilize our profits, and counteract in some degree the heavy increase in cost of other necessities.

I venture to think that you will agree with me, gentlemen, that the result for the past year is extremely satisfactory and taking into consideration the vicissitudes through which we have passed, we can congratulate ourselves upon the showing of the past four years. With the outbreak of War, and gradual withdrawal of shipping facilities, the tourist trade which formed the nucleus of our profitable revenue, was almost completely suspended. Nevertheless the expenses of maintaining a considerable Establishment increased by leaps and bounds, and in 1915 it became necessary to effect drastic reconstruction in order to augment our earning powers in other directions, and thus prevent what possibly would have resulted in a strong proposal for movement in the matter of retrenchment. Our catering

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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PROMISES TO IRELAND.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

At Dublin the Chief Secretary, Mr. J. Ian Macpherson, receiving a deputation from the Irish municipalities, dealt with questions of reconstruction, housing, and health. He said the Government had given an interim grant of a quarter of a million to provide reconstructive but not relief work, for demobilised men of the Services and warworkers. That scheme was merely provisional. He assured the deputation that any national scheme of reconstruction in Great Britain would be applied to Ireland, whose special needs would be considered. Proposals for Ireland's housing scheme were already far advanced with the Treasury, which might pay the difference between economic rents and the reasonable rents which the Local Government Board fix for the people to pay. The Government was considering how to utilise the new British Ministry of Health bill for the benefit of Ireland. As regards land settlement, it was intended to treat Ireland equally with the rest of the United Kingdom. Questions of reclamation, drainage, transit, light railways, afforestation and the development of our great national resources were being considered. It was important to secure local administration of these utilities, and the Government had decided to extend the principle of proportional representation to all local elections, so that the opinion of the localities might be accurately represented.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

KOWLOON C.C. v UNIVERSITY.

In the above match to be played on the Kowloon C.C. Ground on Saturday, the 1st March, at 2.15 p.m., the University will be represented by:—A. H. Rumjahn (Capt.) W. Gittins, G. E. Marley, J. D. Wright, F. A. Redmond, K. S. Lim, Cheua Sin Kah, R. A. Basto, T. L. Cheah, M. P. Choa. Reserve—V. Atienza.

business has been considerably extended, additional stores and refrigerators installed, and this department worked up to a standard which I have no hesitation in saying compares very favourably with first class Hotels at Home. These extensions coupled with the strong financial position of the Company to-day justifies us in looking to the future with optimism. Notwithstanding the War, improvements have been carried out as in pre-war days mainly with a view to cope with the influx of tourists which we anticipate with the removal of travel restrictions, and resumption of normal shipping facilities.

I will avail myself of the opportunity of roughly outlining our intentions in connection with Repulse Bay. Realising for some time past that there was an urgent need for a seaside resort, and with a view to fulfilling this long felt want, we have acquired an excellent site overlooking unquestionably the finest beach in the Colony. We are erecting thereon a Hotel which will permit of extension from time to time, and though commencing in a modest way, it should be borne in mind that we are pioneering on this side of the Island, and I have no hesitation in saying that with regard to sanitation, service, adequate transportation facilities at moderate rates, combined with beauty of surroundings, the new venture will undoubtedly merit that degree of patronage justifying fully our expectations. The Hotel will be completed towards the latter end of this year, although for residential purposes the accommodation will be somewhat limited until 1920.

I do not propose to detain you further gentlemen but before formally proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, your Directors wish to record special thanks to our Manager, Mr. Taggart, for his untiring energy in the interests of shareholders, and taking into consideration the excellence of the returns, your Board have voted the staff a bonus of 10 per cent. on the salaries for the past year, which action we feel sure will have the support of shareholders.

I now beg to formally propose that the Report and Accounts for the year 1918 be presented and adopted. This was carried unanimously being proposed by Mr. F. Maitland and seconded by Mr. C. S. Gubbay.

Messrs. J. Scott Harston and F. Maitland retiring by rotation offered themselves for re-election, their election being proposed by Mr. Lo Cheung-shui and seconded by Mr. Wong.

Messrs. A. R. Lowe and H. Percy Smith were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$500 each on the proposal of Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Manek.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

"NORE" AND "NOVARA."

The medical authorities of the Straits and F.M.S. gave very emphatic support to the Government's protest against the commandeering of passage accommodation for repatriated Germans at a meeting in the Singapore Cricket Club on Feb. 18 when it was decided to cable Sir William Watson Cheyne, the eminent surgeon, and M. P. for the University of Edinburgh and St. Andrews, asking him to bring the question before Parliament. There were present at the meeting Dr. D. J. Galloway, S. H. R. Lucy (P.C.M.O.), F. B. Croucher, Major N. Black, M.C.G., A. Finlayson, J. A. R. Glennie, E. A. Elder, N. Clarke, J. A. Scharenguivel, M. W. Chilli, Wheeler (Kuala Selangor), J. Harrison and S. C. Yin, says the "Straits Times."

On the proposition of Dr. Lucy, seconded by Dr. Glennie, Dr. Galloway was voted to the chair.

The Chairman explained that, as they were aware, the meeting of the members of the medical profession was called to see what steps they could take to annul or at least mitigate the arbitrary action of the Home Government in commandeering certain vessels which had been practically reserved for the repatriation of their own women and children. As medical men, they knew that during the last year or two they had had to face clinical problems with which prior to 1914 they were practically unacquainted. Those clinical problems were nothing more nor less than the effects of prolonged compulsory residence in a climate such as this, and they had had and still had only one remedy, the obvious one of leaving the Colony as soon as possible. Impressed by these conditions which they had found in their practice, they joined hands with their colleagues of the F.M.S. some months ago in sending a suggestion to the Government that they should see to it that accommodation was made available as early as possible in the year for the repatriation of their own women and children. Those matters seemed to be in a fair way to arranging themselves, when on Saturday the news was sprung upon them regarding the *Nore* and *Novara*, and they felt that they would be committing a grave breach of faith to their clients and a grave breach of their duty to their profession if they did not lodge a most serious and emphatic protest against the action that had been taken by the Home Government. (Applause.)

As to the grounds of that action, they left it to others to protest. They could only approach the point from the standpoint of their own profession, and that was an advantage to them, for while they were able not only to protest, they were in a position, from their personal experience, to put forward a most serious and grave warning as to the probable effects of the action that had been taken by the Home Government. They had protested and did protest against that ill-judged action if there was any judgment in its conception at all. They had to consider what form their action would take—whether the form of a deputation to the Governor or a resolution by the medical men of Singapore. Personally, he thought the latter by far the more advisable course, and he would like to have expressions of opinion on that point and have it settled what form the resolutions should take if they agreed to that course. Before sitting down he might tell them that they had most emphatic support from the F.M.S., Penang, and Malacca. A telegram had been received from Dr. Day, Kuala Lumpur, saying:—

"Protest most strongly. Regard it criminal neglect of sick British. Germans should travel on returning Australian troops ships after all deserving British evacuated. Regret unable attend meeting. Suggest cable Medical M.P."

Then Dr. Sharp, as representing the practitioners in Penang, had wired:—
"Penang doctors agree urgency strongest action against diverting ships."

Dr. Ratnay, of Malacca, secretary of the Society of Estate Medical Officers, had telegraphed:—

"Join you in emphatic protest against expropriation of passages for repatriation of Germans. Have called attention urgently to control of passages in connection with approaching monsoon and relative dissociation of climates east and west particularly unfavourable to majority of sick individuals. Surely sick English women and children have waited long enough for opportunities conferred by victory. Feel sure my protest upheld by all signatories to petition to his Excellency on subject."

They would see, therefore, that they were very strongly supported by practically the whole of the F.M.S. and the Colony. He would now be glad to have any suggestions from those present.

Dr. Lucy said they could take it for certain that the Governor was in full sympathy with them and had already taken such action as possible. He proposed that the action taken should be in the form of a resolution. If they passed a resolution from the united ranks of their profession, it would perhaps be the best action that they could take, and they would have the hearty goodwill of the Governor, who would probably forward their telegram home for them independently.

Dr. Glennie seconded and stated that the Hon. Mr. Maxwell, acting Colonial Secretary, made it quite clear at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the previous day that the Governor had done every mortal thing that was in his power to forward the interest of British women and children in Malaya, and had forwarded no less than three telegrams. He thought that it was their bounden duty to support him, and by sending a resolution their protest would get home much more quickly and it would tell much more strongly than by a deputation.

The motion was carried.

Dr. Finlayson said that in addition to the resolution they should also, as suggested by Dr. Day, approach the medical committee of the House of Commons. The committee had only recently been formed, under the chairmanship of Sir William Watson Cheyne, and with such a large number of members of the profession in Parliament pressure could be brought to bear as regarded the urgency of their demand.

Dr. Glennie said he quite agreed and was in favour of doing so.

The Chairman said he had sketched a rough resolution which, of course, they were not in the slightest degree bound to follow. It had been drawn up for the purpose of submitting a form for discussion.

Eventually the following resolution was adopted:—"We, the undersigned medical men in Malaya, wish to associate ourselves with the protests which have been made by others against the action of the Home Government in rendering the *Nore* and *Novara* non-available for the repatriation of the women and children from the Straits and Federated Malay States. Those, on the ground of climate alone, have a paramount claim to primary consideration. We view the postponement of the departure of those from the Colony with the gravest apprehension, and our experience of the last year warrants us in giving an emphatic warning that such postponement cannot be carried out without entailing the gravest risks to the health and lives of numbers of British women and children."

It was mentioned by Dr. Finlayson that he understood the Blue Funnel steamers were to be commandeered.

The Chairman said that Mr. Buckland, the P. and O. agent, very kindly telegraphed the previous day to the head office in London as follows:—

"Medical profession Straits most indignant Admiralty action in giving preference Germans to exclusion of passages 90 British women and children from Straits, those booked by *Nore Novara* being most urgent invalid cases, all needing after long residence in tropics immediate change to Europe. Can you make this representation to the Admiralty, which is endorsed by official members Legislative Council?"

It was decided to send the following slight variation of that cable to Sir William Watson Cheyne:—"Medical profession Straits most indignant Admiralty action in giving preference German women to exclusion of passages 90 British women and children from Straits, those booked by *Nore Novara* being most urgent invalid cases all needing after long residence in tropics immediate change to Europe." Strongly urge ask question in Parliament."

Dr. Finlayson said that a telegram had been sent to Mr. Havelock Wilson.

The Chairman: Yes, the ladies sent a telegram to Mr. Havelock Wilson. Probably more will be done through that than anything else.

Dr. Glennie said he supposed that in sending the resolution to Government a suggestion would be made that it should go home.

The Chairman said he thought that enough had gone home. The resolution would strengthen the Governor's hands, and he might send it home—he probably would.

Dr. Glennie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and the meeting terminated. Dr. Galloway leaving at once for the Colonial Secretariat with the proposed cable to Sir William Watson Cheyne.

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A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the conclusion of the meeting of the General Committee.

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Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1919.

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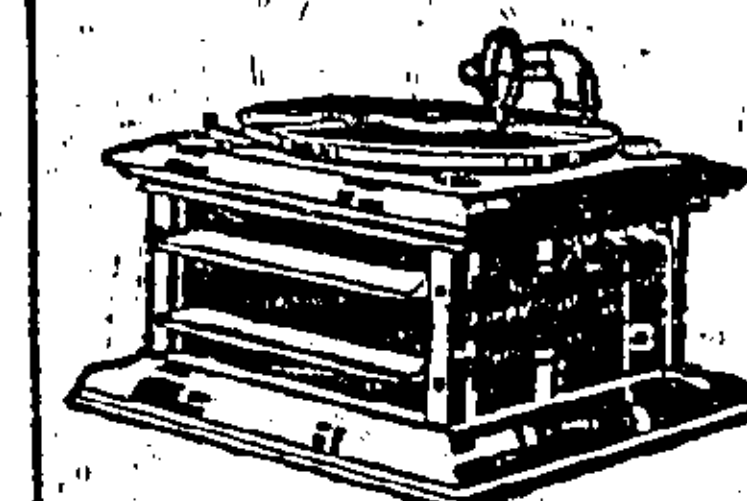
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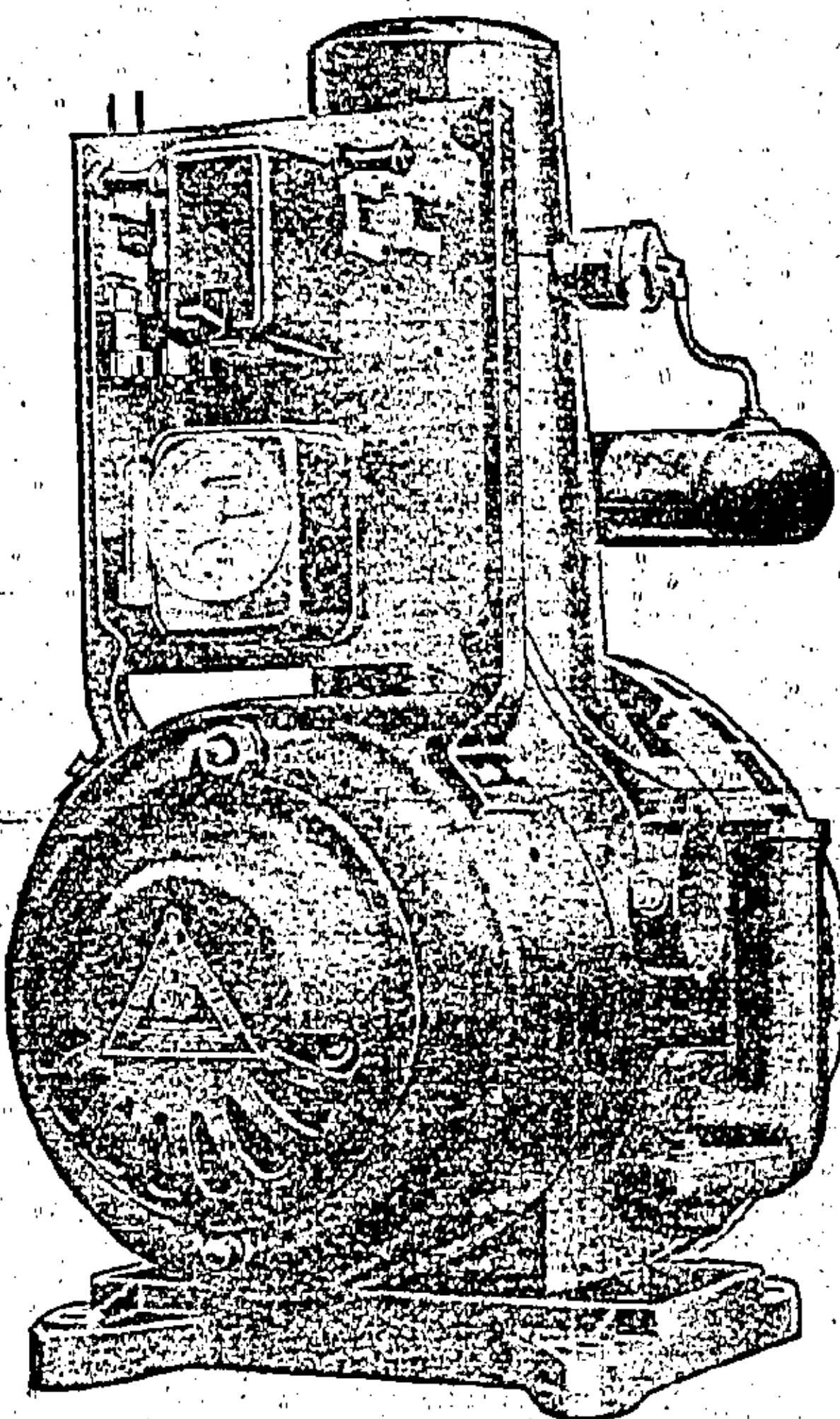
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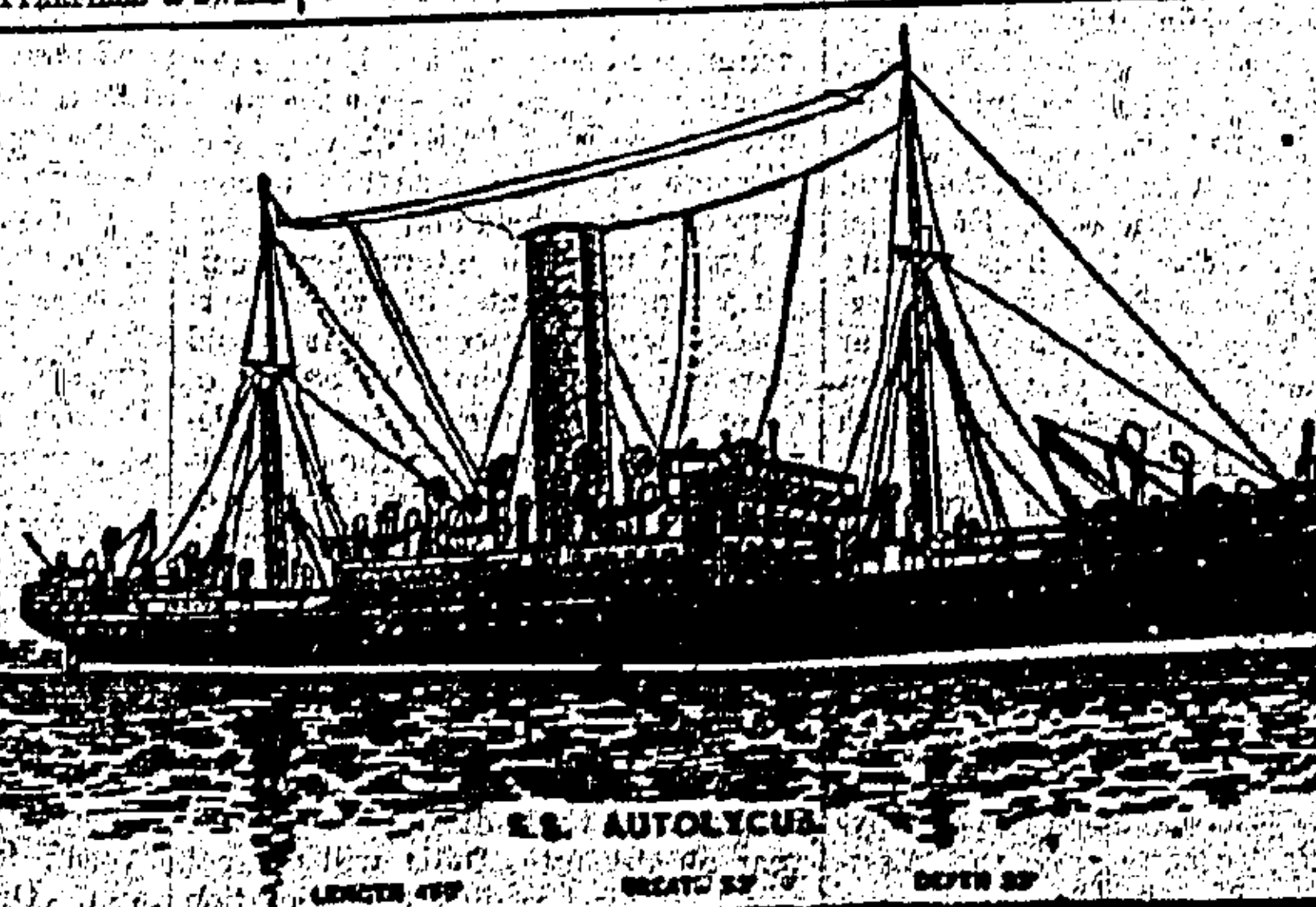
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